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SUBJECT: REDISTRIBUTION OF 1978 ATLANTIC FISHERY

ALLOCATION DECLINED BY CUBA

REF: STATE 213197; MADRID 9649; MADRID 9650

1. INFORMATION ON REALLOCATION PER STATE 213197 HAS BEEN PASSED TO GOS. WITH REGARD REQUIRED STATISTICS EMBASSY HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH COPY OF COMPLETE REPORTS FOR 1977 WHICH WE ARE POUCHING TO DEPARTMENT, OES/OFA. SPANISH HAVE ALSO SENT COPY THROUGH THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHICH SHOULD ARRIVE EARLIER.

2. SPANISH HAVE INFORMED US THAT EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO COMPLETE REPORTS FOR FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF 1978. THESE WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE GOS HAS, IN GENERAL, BEEN IN STATE OF REORGANIZATION DURING THE PAST 18-24 MONTHS. THIS HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY THE CASE IN FISHING AFFAIRS, WHERE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS BEEN CHANGED ON AVERAGE ABOUT EVERY SIX MONTHS. THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY VARIOUS EXTENSIONS OF FISHING ZONES TO 200
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MILES (ESPECIALLY U.S. AND EEC) WOULD HAVE IMPOSED A BUREAUCRATIC BURDEN ON GOS FISHING OFFICIALS UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES. WITH THE CONSTANT CHANGES OF PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE IN RECENT MONTHS IT HAS BEEN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO INSURE COMPLETE AND PROMPT COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS.

3. IN VIEW OF GOS EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERING SEVERE PROBLEMS FACED BY SPANISH FISHERMEN IN OTHER AREAS (SEE MADRID 9649) EMBASSY URGES THAT SPANISH VESSELS FISHING IN U.S. ZONE BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE EFFORT PENDING RECEIPT OF STATISTICS FOR 1977 AND FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF 1978. IF SPANISH WERE TO BE REQUIRED TO CEASE FISHING AT MIDNIGHT AUGUST 25, AS SUGGESTED IN STATE 213197, IT WOULD IMPOSE A SERIOUS BURDEN ON THE GOS AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO BE HELPFUL WHERE POSSIBLE IN THEIR TRANSITION. FURTHER WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT GOS OFFICIALS HAVE PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF FISHING RELATIONS, INCLUDING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, IN EARLY SEPTEMBER IN EFFORT TO FURTHER US-SPANISH COOPERATION AND REDUCE POINTS OF FRICTION. (MADRID 9650). FINALLY WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE HIGHLY EMOTIONAL NATURE OF FISHING ISSUE IN SPAIN, RESULTING IN GLARING HEADLINES AND FULL TELEVISION COVERAGE OF EEC-SPANISH CLASH OVER PAST SEVERAL DAYS. EMBASSY HOPES THAT FULL CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR OVERALL RELATIONS WHICH ANTICIPATED ACTION AGAINST SPANISH FISHERMEN WOULD HAVE, ESPECIALLY IN PUBLIC IMAGE. TODMAN

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